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EXHIBIT 1

COVID-19 RELIEF BILLS

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIGESTS

AB 15, AB 16, SB 3 & SB 2



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AB-15 COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021. (2021-2022)

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ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 15

Introduced by Assembly Members Chiu, Bonta, Lorena Gonzalez, Quirk-Silva, Santiago, and Wicks

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Friedman, Lee, and Luz Rivas)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Durazo and Wiener)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bloom, Kalra, Robert Rivas, and Ting)
(Coauthor: Senator Allen)

December 07, 2020

An act to amend Sections 789.4, 798.56, 1942.5, and 2924.15 of, and to add Sections 1785.20.4 and 1942.5.5 to, the Civil Code, and to amend Sections 116.223, 1161, 1161.2, 1161.2.5, 1179.02, 1179.02.5, 1179.03, 1179.03.5, and 1179.07 of, and to add Section 1179.04.5 to, the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to tenancies, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 15, as introduced, Chiu. COVID-19 relief: tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021.

(1) Existing law, the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, establishes certain procedural requirements and limitations on evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 rental debt, as defined. The act, among other things, prohibits a tenant that delivers a declaration, under penalty of perjury, of COVID-19-related financial distress from being deemed in default with regard to the COVID-19 rental debt, as specified. Existing law defines COVID-19 rental debt as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021. Existing law repeals the act on February 1, 2025.

This bill would extend the definition of "COVID-19 rental debt" as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021. The bill would also extend the repeal date of the act to January 1, 2026. The bill would make other conforming changes to align with these extended dates. By extending the repeal date of the act, the bill would expand the crime of perjury and create a state-mandated local program.

Existing law authorizes a landlord to require a high-income tenant, as defined, to submit additional documentation supporting the claim that the tenant has suffered COVID-19-related financial distress if the landlord provides the tenant with a specified notice.

This bill would provide that a tenant is not required to submit that additional supporting documentation unless the landlord provides the tenant with a copy of the proof of income that demonstrates that the tenant qualifies as a high-income tenant.

Existing law prohibits a landlord from interrupting or terminating utility service furnished to a tenant with the intent to terminate the occupancy of the tenant, and imposes specified penalties on a landlord who violates that prohibition. Existing law, until February 1, 2021, imposes additional damages in an amount of at least \$1,000, but not more than \$2,500, on a landlord that violates that prohibition, if the tenant has provided a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress, as specified.

This bill would extend the imposition of those additional damages to January 1, 2022, and would remove the condition that the tenant provide a declaration of COVID-19 financial distress.

This bill would additionally prohibit a landlord from taking certain actions with respect to a tenant's COVID-19 rental debt, including, among others, charging or attempting to collect late fees, providing different terms or conditions of tenancy, or withholding a service or amenity.

Existing law, until February 1, 2021, prohibits a landlord from bringing an action for unlawful detainer based on a cause of action other than nonpayment of COVID-19 rental debt for the purpose of retaliating against the lessee because the lessee has COVID-19 rental debt.

This bill would extend that prohibition to January 1, 2022.

Existing law, until February 1, 2025, provides that a small claims court has jurisdiction in any action for recovery of COVID-19 rental debt, as defined, regardless of the amount demanded.

This bill would extend that provision to January 1, 2026.

Existing law prohibits action to recover COVID-19 rental debt from commencing before March 1, 2021.

This bill would extend that prohibition to January 1, 2022, or the end of a local jurisdiction's repayment period, whichever is later.

(2) Existing law, the Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, provides for the regulation of consumer credit reporting agencies that collect credit-related information on consumers and report this information to subscribers and of persons who furnish that information to consumer credit reporting agencies, as provided.

This bill would prohibit a housing provider, credit reporting agency, tenant screening company, or other entity that evaluates tenants on behalf of a housing provider from using an alleged COVID-19 rental debt, as defined, as a negative factor for the purpose of evaluating creditworthiness or as the basis for a negative reference to a prospective housing provider.

(3) Existing law, the Mobilehome Residency Law, requires the management of a mobilehome park to comply with notice and specified other requirements in order to terminate a tenancy in a mobilehome park due to a change of use of the mobilehome park, including giving homeowners at least 15 days' written notice that the management will be appearing before a local governmental board, commission, or body to request permits for the change of use.

This bill would instead require the management to give homeowners at least 60 days' written notice that the management will be appearing before a local governmental board, commission, or body to obtain local approval for the intended change of use of the mobilehome park.

(4) Existing law prescribes various requirements to be satisfied before the exercise of a power of sale under a mortgage or deed of trust. In this regard, existing law requires that a notice of default and a notice of sale be recorded and that specified periods of time elapse between the recording and the sale. Existing law establishes certain requirements in connection with foreclosures on mortgages and deeds of trust, including restrictions on the actions mortgage servicers may take while a borrower is attempting to secure a loan modification or has submitted a loan modification application. Existing law, until January 1, 2023, applies those protections to a first lien mortgage or deed of trust that is secured by residential real property that is occupied by a tenant, contains no more than four dwelling units, and meets certain criteria, including that a tenant occupying the property is unable to pay rent due to a reduction in income resulting from the novel coronavirus.

The bill, commencing January 1, 2023, would limit the extension of those protections to the above-described first lien mortgages and deeds of trust to instances in which the borrower has been approved for foreclosure

prevention, as specified, or the borrower submitted a completed application for a first lien loan modification before January 1, 2023, and, as of January 1, 2023, either the mortgage servicer has not yet determined whether the applicant is eligible, or the appeal period for the mortgage servicer's denial of the application has not yet expired.

(5)The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(6) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes





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AB-16 Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021. (2021-2022)

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ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 16

Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu

December 07, 2020

An act to add Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 50495) to Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to tenancies.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 16, as amended, Chiu, Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021.

Existing law, the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, establishes certain procedural requirements and limitations on evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 rental debt, as defined. The act prohibits a tenant that delivers a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress from being deemed in default with regard to the COVID-19 rental debt, as specified. Existing law defines COVID-19 rental debt as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due between March 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021. Existing law repeals the act on February 1, 2025.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021 to address the long-term financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on renters, small landlords, and affordable housing providers, ensure ongoing housing stability for tenants at risk of eviction, and stabilize rental properties at risk of foreclosure. This bill would include legislative findings and declarations in support of the intended legislation.

This bill would establish the Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Program. The bill would authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to direct an existing office or program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to implement the program. The bill would establish in the State Treasury the COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Fund, and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, distribute all moneys in the fund to the department to carry out the purposes of the program. The bill would require the program be implemented only to the extent that funding is made available through the Budget Act. The bill would specify that it is the intent of

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the Legislature to prioritize the use of available federal funds before using General Fund moneys for the program.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: noyes Local Program: no



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SB-3 Tenancy: COVID-19 (2021-2022)

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SENATE BILL

NO. 3

Introduced by Senators Caballero and Bradford

December 07, 2020

An act to amend Section 1179.02 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to COVID-19 relief.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 3, as introduced, Caballero. Tenancy: COVID-19

Existing law, the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020, establishes certain procedural requirements and limitations on evictions for nonpayment of rent due to COVID-19 rental debt, as defined. Existing law defines COVID-19 rental debt as unpaid rent or any other unpaid financial obligation of a tenant that came due during the covered time period, defined as the period between March 1, 2020, and January 31, 2021. The act also requires a notice that demands payment of rent that came due during the transition time period, defined as the period between September 30, 2020, and January 31, 2021, to comply with additional specified requirements.

This bill would extend the covered time period and transition time period for purposes of the act to March 31, 2021.

Under the act, a tenant may not be deemed in default with regard to COVID-19 rental debt for purposes of an unlawful detainer action if the tenant delivers a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress, signed under penalty of perjury, to the landlord.

Because the bill would extend the covered time period and thereby expand the time period a tenant may deliver a declaration of COVID-19-related financial distress, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by expanding the crime of perjury.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

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SCA-2 Public housing projects. (2021-2022)





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SENATE AMENDMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL

NO. 2

Introduced by Senators Allen and Wiener

December 07, 2020

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by repealing Article XXXIV thereof, relating to public housing projects.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCA 2, as introduced, Allen. Public housing projects.

The California Constitution prohibits the development, construction, or acquisition of a low-rent housing project, as defined, in any manner by any state public body until a majority of the qualified electors of the city, town, or county in which the development, construction, or acquisition of the low-rent housing project is proposed approve the project by voting in favor at an election, as specified.

This measure would repeal these provisions.

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California at its 2021–22 Regular Session commencing on the seventh day of December 2020, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to the people of the State of California, that the Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

That Article XXXIV thereof is repealed.